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1. I DON'T WANT TO BELABOR THE POINT, BUT WASHINGTON SHOULD BE AWARE THAT INDONESIA'S EXPECTATIONS FOR AN ADD-ON TO FMS ARE CONTINUING TO GAIN STEAM DAY BY DAY. I AM INCREASINGLY CONVINCED THAT WE NEED TO GIVE THEM A RESPONSE QUICKLY AS A FOLLOW-UP TO SUHARTO'S REQUEST TO THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR \$45 MILLION ADDITIONAL OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS.

2. THE LATEST INDICATION OF THESE GROWING EXPECTATIONS CAME LAST NIGHT (MAY 23) FROM MAJOR GENERAL BENNIE MURDANI, ASSISTANT FOR INTELLIGENCE, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. MURDANI TOLD ME HE HAD JUST DISCUSSED THIS MATTER THAT MORNING WITH MINISTER OF DEFENSE JUSUF. JUSUF AND SUHARTO ARE BOTH EXTREMELY OPTIMISTIC ON THE BASIS OF SUHARTO'S DISCUSSIONS WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT THAT THE USG WILL AGREE TO SUHARTO'S REQUEST. IN ORDER TO PIN THIS DOWN, JUSUF TOLD MURDANI THAT HE (MURDANI) SHOULD GO TO WASHINGTON THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE AND DISCUSS DETAILS WITH THE APPROPRIATE U.S. OFFICIALS.

3. THIS IS APPARENTLY THE SAME PROCEDURE THE INDONESIANS

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FOLLOWED AFTER THE 1975 VISIT OF PRESIDENT FORD. I SUGGESTED TO MURDANI THAT HE HOLD OFF ON PLANS TO VISIT THE U.S. UNTIL I HAD SOME FURTHER INDICATION OF WASHINGTON'S THINKING. HOWEVER, IF WE ARE TO PRESS THE INDONESIANS TO DELAY THIS VISIT FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD, WITHOUT GIVING THE APPEARANCE OF STALLING, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT I BE ABLE TO GIVE THEM AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO

SUHARTO'S REQUEST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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